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Q: ... Mr. Casey, could I ask you a two-part question, sir? The transition report on the CIA recommends greater emphasis on counterintelligence and on covert action. Is that to be basically the thrust of your policy at the CIA?

Casey: The transition report is merely a report about information and ideas collected by the transition team. It will be submitted to me. I haven't read it yet, and when I do I will consider that and consider — have consultations with the appropriate people in the Congress and the people in the organization for determining what the focus of policy will be.

Q: The second part of my question, sir, do you expect any difficulty in your confirmation hearing because of having arranged for — having seen the Vesco lawyer at the behest of Richard Allen when you were chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission?

Casey: I've been confirmed by the United States Senate four times. My conversation with one of Mr. Vesco's lawyers broke that case open. It was my case. I directed the investigation and the prosecution which brought to light the largest fraud in securities history up to that time. I do not think there's any question about that.

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